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SUBJECT: LAO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH OF WELCOME  
TO VIETNAMESE DELEGATION

1. THERE FOLLOWS OUR TRANSLATION OF OFFICIAL FRENCH TEXT  
OF SPEECH DELIVERED IN LAO BY NOUHAK PHOUMSAVANH, MEMBER  
OF POLITBURO OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LPRP, VICE PRIME  
MINISTER, AND MINISTER OF FINANCE, AUGUST 29, 1976, WELCOMING  
SRV GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO VIENTIANE.

2. "RESPECTED COMRAD LE THANH NGHI, MEMBER OF POLITBURO  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, VIET NAM WORKERS' PARTY, VICE PRIME  
MINISTER, CHIEF OF SRV DELEGATION, RESPECTED COMRADES, DEPUTY  
CHIEF AND ALL THE COMRADES OF SRV GOVERNMENT DELEGATION,  
MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CROPS, COMRADES AND FRIENDS.

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3. "RESPONDING TO THE LPDR INVITATION, THE SRV GOVERNMENT

DELEGATION LED BY COMRADE LE THANH NGHI, MEMBER OF POLITBURO, VIET NAM WORKERS' PARTY, VICE PRIME MINISTER OF SRV GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS MAKING A VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY, BRINGS THE ACTIVE FRIENDSHIP AND FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY OF THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO OUR LAO PEOPLE. ON THIS OCCASION IN THE NAME OF THE LAO PEOPLE AND OF THE LPDR GOVERNMENT, I ADDRESS MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND MY SINCERE GREETINGS TO COMRADE LE THANH NGHI AND TO THE OTHER COMRADES OF THE DELEGATION.

4. "THIS VISIT OF THE SRV DELEGATION IS TAKING PLACE AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN THE WHOLE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE CELEBRATING FOR THE FIRST TIME THE AUGUST REVOLUTION AND THE NATIONAL DAY OF VIET NAM (SEPTEMBER 2) AFTER ITS REUNIFICATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM.

5. "THE BIRTH OF THE SRV MARKS AN ERA OF LIBERTY AND OF SOCIALISM IN THE HISTORY OF THE VIETNAMESE NATION, AN ERA WHICH BEGAN WITH THE VICTORIOUS REVOLUTION OF AUGUST 1945 AND WON THE TOTAL VICTORIES OF THE MOVEMENT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM BY THE RESOUNDING "HO CHI MINH" OFFENSIVE OF APRIL 1975 THE SACRED TESTAMENT OF THE GREAT PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH WAS HONORABLY CARRIED OUT.

6. "THE VICTORY OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ATTESTS TO THE FORCE OF FAITH, THE JUST AND CAPABLE DIRECTION OF THE VIET NAM WORKERS' PARTY WHICH HAS BEEN ABLE TO COMBINE MARXISM AND LENINISM WITH THE CREATIVE FORCES OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN A SCIENTIFIC MANNER; TO COMBINE ORGANICALLY THE FORCE OF THE NATION WITH THE FORCE OF THE EPOCH; AND TO COMBINE THE FORCE OF PATRIOTISM WITH THE SUBLIME SPIRIT OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM; AND, HAS BECOME A FORCE CONCENTRATED TO CONQUER THE ENEMY AND TO LEAD THE VIETNAMESE REVOLUTION TO EVER GREATER VICTORIES. THE GREAT VICTORIES OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE AN ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO STRENGTHENING THE FORCES OF PEACE, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIALISM IN THE WORLD AND TO THE EVER MORE MARKED COLLAPSE OF THE IMPERIALIST SYSTEM ALREADY DEGENERATE AND UNDERGOING A GENERALIZED CRISIS. AT THE SAME TIME THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE HERETOFORE UNKNOWN CHANGE OF THE BALANCE OF FORCES IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORLD IN FAVOR OF THE FORCES OF REVOLUTION AND PEACE.

7. "THE LAO PEOPLE ARE SINCERELY PROUD OF THESE SPLENDID VICTORIES OF THEIR BROTHERS THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND CONSIDER THEM AS THEIR OWN. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, UNDER THE CLEAR-SIGHTED DIRECTION OF THE GLORIOUS VIET NAM WORKERS' PARTY, WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR NOBLE AIMS AND TO WIN EVER GREATER

VICTORIES IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SOCIALISM IN ORDER TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF WORLD REVOLUTION.

8. "RESPECTED COMRADES AND FRIENDS,

9. "LAOS AND VIET NAM ARE NOT ONLY TWO NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES,  
BUT THEIR TWO PEOPLES HAVE ALSO CHERISHED ON A TRADITION OF  
FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP WHICH DATES FROM A VERY EARLY TIME.  
AND MORE ESPECIALLY, SINCE THE CREATION OF THE INDO-  
CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY FOUNDED BY THE GREAT PRESIDENT  
HO CHI MINH, THE FRIENDSHIP AND FRATERNAL LOVE OF THE PEOPLE  
OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, BOUND TOGETHER ON THE BASIS OF MARXISM  
AND LENINISM, OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND OF THE TRUE  
PATRIOTISM OF EACH NATION, HAVE BECOME DAILY DEEPER AND  
MORE SOLID SO THAT NO ENEMY CAN DESTROY THEM. IT IS FOR THIS  
REASON THAT FOR THIRTY YEARS OUR TWO PEOPLES SIDE BY SIDE HAVE  
SHARED SUFFERING AND HAPPINESS AND, TOGETHER WITH THE  
BROTHERS, PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA, HAVE FOUGHT WITH GREAT  
SELF-SACRIFICE AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY FOR THE INDEPEN-  
DENCE AND LIBERTY OF EACH NATION AND HAVE FINALLY BEEN  
DRAWN TOGETHER INTO TOTAL VICTORY.

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10. " REALITY HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE GREAT FRIENDSHIP AND THE SPECIAL REALTIONS WHICH ARE THE PURE EXAMPLE OF OUR TWO PEOPLES AND THE MILITANT FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY AMONG THE THREE PEOPLES, LAO, VIETNAMESE AND KAMPUCHEA, ARE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT AND DECISIVE FACTORS IN THE TOTAL VICTORY OF THE REVOLUTION IN THE THREE COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO SERVE AS SOLID BASES TO DEVELOP THE SOLIDARITY AND THE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE TASK OF DEFENSE AND OF BUILDING UP EACH COUNTRY AT THIS NEW STAGE.

11. " IN THE JOINT LAO-VIETNAMESE DECLARATION OF APRIL, 1976, THE TWO PARTIES, LAO AND VIETNAMESE, WELL UNDERSTOOD THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAOS AND VIET NAM IN THE PAST. THE GREAT VICTORIES OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LAP PEOPLE AND THE WORK OF TOTAL NATIONAL LIBERATION CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE SUPPORT AND THE PRECIOUS AID IN ALL FIELDS OF THE PARTY, OF THE GOVERNMENT,  
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AND OF THE FRATERNAL VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. ON THIS OCCASION, ONCE AGAIN, IN THE NAME OF THE LAO PEOPLE AND OF THE LPDR GOVERNMENT, I EXPRESS MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE VIETNAMESE PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE THEIR IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE VICTORY OF OUR PEOPLE.

12. "IN THE WORK OF BUILDING THE LPDR AS WELL AS IN THE WORK OF DEFENDING AND CONSOLIDATING THE GAINS OF THE REVOLUTION, THE LAO PEOPLE UNDER THE FIRM AND CLEAR-SIGHTED DIRECTION OF THE LPRP HAVE OVERCOME COUNTLESS DIFFICULTIES IN ORDER TO LIQUIDATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE OLD REGIME AND HAVE WON STEP BY STEP AN IMPORTANT VICTORY. NEVERTHELESS, THE FORCES OF THE IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LAFREYS HAVE NOT YET GIVEN UP THEIR SLY MANEUVERS INTENDED TO STIFLE AND DESTROY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, MANEUVERS WHICH ARE NO MORE THAN A SIGN OF THEIR AGONIZING END. THEY ARE IN NO WAY CAPABLE OF CHANGING THE SITUATION.

13. "COMRADES AND FRIENDS,

1. "THIS VISIT TO LAOS BY THE DELEGATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SRV IS THE FIRST SINCE WE FOUNDED THE LPDR. ALSO, YOUR DELEGATION IS THE FIRST VIETNAMESE DELEGATION WHICH HAS A WEIGHTY TASK OF SUCCESSFULLY CARRYING OUT THE SPIRIT

AND THE LETTER OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THAT IS WHY THIS VISIT HAS A MAJOR IMPORTANCE AND CONTRIBUTES  
ACTIVELY TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND THE  
SPECIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

15. "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ON THIS OCCASION WE WILL HAVE  
THE TIME TO DISCUSS RELATIONS AND BOTH COOPERATION AND MUTUAL  
ASSISTANCE IN ALL FIELDS: POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL,  
AND SCIENTIFIC, ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THE  
SAID DECLARATION AND IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE AND TO BUILD OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES IN PROSPERITY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
WISHES OF BOTH PEOPLES AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING  
OF THE FORCES OF PEACE, OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, OF DEMOCRACY,  
AND OF SOCIAL PROGRESS IN INDOCHINA, TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF  
PEACE AND SECURITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IN THE WORLD.  
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16. " IN CLOSING, I SHOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL THE COMRADES  
AND DEAR GUESTS TO RAISE THEIR GLASSES TO DRINK:

--TO THE FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP AND MILITANT SOLIDARITY  
BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES, LAO AND VIETNAMESE,  
--TO FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP AND MILITANT SOLIDARITY AMONG THE  
LAO PEOPLE, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE KAMPUCHEA PEOPLE,  
--TO THE HEALTH OF COMRADE VICE PRIME MINISTER LE THANH NGHI.  
-- TO THE HEALTH OF THE COMRADE DEPUTY CHIEF AND THE COMARDES  
OF THE DELEGATION,  
--TO THE HEALTH OF THE GUESTS HERE PRESENT.

THANK YOU."  
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